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Corps to help Horn Lake Creek drainage concerns

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – October 2, 2001 -- The Memphis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Horn Lake Drainage District will sign an agreement to reevaluate drainage problems on Horn Lake Creek. The signing will be Friday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Board Room (DeSoto County Administrative Bldg, 3rd floor).

Horn Lake Creek is located in northwestern DeSoto County, Miss., and adjoins the City of Memphis along its southern boundaries. Local drainage is mainly provided by Horn Lake Creek, which drains into the Mississippi River. Short duration heavy rains have flooded structures and streets at many locations in the area. Drainage and erosion problems, due to increased runoff, are affecting both existing and planned development in local communities.

The Water Resource Development Act of 2000 conditionally authorized modifications to the existing Horn Lake Creek project, if proven feasible. The reevaluation study is set to begin in October and should be completed in September 2003. Several alternative plans will be evaluated to address the problems.

The Horn Lake Drainage District is the local sponsor and Horn Lake and Southaven, Miss., are the co-sponsors for this \$1.1 million cost-shared project. The Federal government will pay 75 percent of the cost, while the local sponsors will provide the balance.